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For 1879.

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SEVENTEENTH YEAR.

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tic Sources, and no pains have been spared to render it Thoroughly RELIABLE both as a
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mercial Matters.

The contents of the Appendix have been com-
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tions have also been made, tending to render the Work
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of each Port are given, embodying much valuable
information hitherto unpublished.

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The Hong Kong Dispensary, 17.

THE DAILY PRESS.

HONG-KONG, DECEMBER 27TH, 1878.

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at
5.30 yesterday evening.

The O. and O. steamer *Gazelle* (Captain Kilday),
was safely docked at the Cosmopolitan Docks on
Wednesday at noon, drawing 17 feet 2 inches of
water.

The Messagerie Maritime steamer *Trans-
sylvanie*, Captain Gavain, arrived here yesterday
at noon, with the London mail of the 17th ult.

The Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.)
inform us that the E. and A. M. steamer *Rosa*,
with the next Australasian mail, left Singapore
on this port on Wednesday.

The band of the 7th Highlanders will perform
the following programs at the Officers' Mess
tonight, commencing at 8.45 p.m.—

— "Hymn of the Guards," "Gloria," "Gloria,"

— "Bella," "Bella," "Bella," "Bella,"

— "Gloria," "Gloria," "Gloria," "Gloria,"

— "Auber," "Auber," "Auber," "Auber,"

— "Les Boeufs," "Les Boeufs," "Les Boeufs,"

— "Romances de Donizetti," "Romances de Donizetti,"

— "Fant," "Fant," "Fant," "Fant,"

— "M. J. Rossini," "M. J. Rossini,"

In their usual uniform, dressed in blue, the 7th
Highlanders, Captain Kilday, and the 10th, Captain
Hawthorn, will be on the platform.

The 10th will be in full uniform, and the 7th
will be in full uniform, and the 10th will be in full
uniform, and the 7th will be in full uniform.

We take the following items from the London
and China *Express*:

Lia-Tien, the late Chinese Minister at
Berlin, arrived in Paris on the 11th instant, and
will embark at Marseilles for China by the
present mail steamer.

We are requested to remind our readers that
newspapers and periodicals will be posted (for either
mail) before 10 o'clock a.m. on mail day and to
state that such articles posted after that hour
will not be forwarded by the mail, being sent
as unforwarded.

The Arbitration of Geneva has conferred
the degree of Bachelor in Divinity on the Rev.
A. W. Green, M.A., of the Church Missionary
College, Idiogon, in consideration of his
distinguished services as a missionary in China for
seventeen years.

The English Secretary of the Japanese Govern-
ment, in reference to a telegram, has stated that
the Japanese "Minister of Finance" had attempted
to extort a confession from the Minister of Finance
of Japan, in the name of a fortiori, "is authorized by
the Japanese Minister to declare such a state
as to be unfounded."

We understand that there is no foundation
for the statement which has appeared in the
daily English and German papers in regard to
the state negotiations between the German
and Chinese Governments on the subject of the
Tientsin fortifications. There is no such truth in
the accusation that, owing to the unfavourable
condition of these alleged negotiations, the late
Chinese Minister at Berlin will not be succeeded.

As already announced by us, in *Front Row* will
coincide the post of Chargé d'Affaires, and will
probably receive from the full appointment
of Minister.

St. Thomas Wade, K.C.B., whose departure
for Peking has been delayed for some weeks,
will have by the present mail steamer *Transsylvanie*,
from Marseilles for Calcutta, accompanied by
Lady Wade. It is presumed that the object of
visiting India is to confer with the Government
on the subject of the Opium cause, in the
Choo-ku Choo-ku, and it is uncertain how long
he may remain.

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ODE TO CRICKET.

Divine Fetter's Fife,
of the silent nook,
the water brook,
poes to make forlorn,
wounds of lured heart,
out of her mate's heart,
sooths the heart that grieves,
rains the heart's rain,
wiles, Love is fair,
entice-mourning tree,
in woe with me,
Loves forever,
as thou wast not born,
haves grous,
so giant trees that watch around,
wounds in their Queen.

Wounding in e'er bane the tender ground,
Catching striking, hurling, chasing.

They feathered nest,

New fawn to see, new catkins,

Check the quivered leaf,

burst, blow, bravely blushed,

All the bosom's wife repeat,

Till the trout rank has rippled,

And the flume that leaps so well,

Then with a stormy roar, hard aching hand,

And raptures thousand-voiced and sis up fast,

They shan't be hot as on a driven broan,

By some gray war-worn Captain of the host,

When the long thunders of the flags longed square.

Katies in lurid light, and blinds the confused air,

These, brave yellow, that we grieve,

We the quick-eyed, we the fleet,

To thy nymphs now, we call.

Heaven's sons to Flamen's face,

Hyam's sons, the festive,

Ring the willow-wedding bane.

Now the sun hath clothe the sky,

All the world with life is glowing,

Dauntless here the summer fly,

None the chaste, incense-blowing,

Loam-limbed and pleasure flushed,

Over the velvet road,

Now shunning, now to eager silence hushed,

Thy gay stags are strown,

And as when Chivalry in halberd bright,

Chancels in the glancing light with low-coached spear,

Sof's maidens watched, and warred with love's delight,

Each for her champion wok a trembling tear,

As you know the wok's woe,

Rowans dwayed her blushing love-bowing?

Brothers of the sprightly meadow,

Pray'st, shouldst, like of link,

For the chaste's cast their shadow,

And the eye of joy grows dus,

Let us wok the Nymph we hymn,

All in the summer light,

Now out our Green-handered ranks arrived,

And in their humor'd fight,

Her mail-clad champion did the hottest gaud,

Comrades! we'll wok the light,

Well hit! Oh missed, another six! well played

She is watching, when I love,

By my doots my love I'll prove:

Truly wok! she is here,

She waits beneath the old oak tree,

Fly! thou round leather sphere,

I will score a point!

So may I earn a stamp of frothy ale,

And in the mallow twilight of the date,

Comes, may through time I'll wok a wok piano!

F. T. D. in the Arion.

THE BUFFALO MOLE.

A new "domestic pest" has lately been causing much consternation among housekeepers in the United States; it is known as the carpet beetle (*Anthonomus aestivalis*), and also from the hairy exterior of its larva as the "buffalo mole." It is represented as being far more destructive to woolen articles than the ordinary moth, and is unaffected by acid and solvent to carpet and most insect powders. It has committed the most horrible ravages in New England, New Jersey, and New York, and is as unwelcome a visitor to the household as the Colorado beetle is to the potato-field. Mr. Linton of the New York State Museum of Natural History, gives a full account of this disagreeable insect in the "American Naturalist," and we shall probably, before long, have the pleasure of making a personal acquaintance with it in this country, for it is said to infest dried meats and similar substances. We have, however, no right to expect any sympathy from America in respect to importations of this nature. Mr. Linton quotes in his article part of a long list of injurious insects introduced into the United States from Europe, as given in one of Professor Riley's reports, including even the housefly. He remarks with some bitterness, "Should our late exportation of the Colorado beetle prove as injurious in Europe as in this country, which is much more to doubt, we shall still be very far from having made a compensation return." On the other hand, it ought to be fair to remember that the produce destroyed in America by injurious insects exported from Europe is to a great extent raised by labour also exported from this continent, and that we do not get rid of our injurious insects by transferring them to the United States on a system. Plenty remains behind. It is only the adventurous insects who emigrate, leaving as a rule their families at home. —*Full Mail Gazette.*

THE SCHOOLMEN AND THE BIBLE.

The state of learning and education in the universities of the fifteenth century is no cheerful subject for contemplation. They were almost universally under the domain of the scholastic philosophy—a philosophy characterised by the employment of a false system of logic, and a total misconception of the nature of evidence." The unscrupulous and superstitious creed of the schoolmen might not have commended itself so widely to the world of letters if it had not been taken under the fostering wing of the church. With that clear worldly-wise eye which ever characterised her in the Middle Ages, after she had expended all her nobleness in the enthusiasm of the earlier centuries, she saw that the scholastic system would further her interest as none other could. She encouraged it in the university and in the cloister, till "by dint of first persuading, then to believe, she came at last to believe in herself." The result of this ecclesiastical patronage was that the scholastic system became more and more inately theological. The fanciful speculations and the sterile studies of the age turned alike towards theology. Everything was referred to Scripture for proof or disproof. If it was doubted whether after all the earth did not revolve round the sun, "a text" in the Bible was looked out and was forthwith regarded as an authority without appeal. And this system was rendered all the more pernicious by the method then employed in interpreting Scripture. The Hermeneutic of the day, if such a science could properly be said to exist, was based upon the theory of verbal inspiration; and the meaning of any passage was never considered with reference to the context; the isolated "text" being all that was wanted. For the schoolmen were believers in the ancient theory of manifold essences. They hold that a "text" might be explained in an allegorical, tropological, analogical, or (in theory, but never in practice) its literal sense; and it is not very difficult to see that any sentence, with the theory of the four senses and a scholastic dialectic to handle them, might be twisted into a reference to anything, even in earth or in heaven, past, present, or future. —*British Quarterly Review.*

THE AGE OF MIRACLES.

It would seem (writes a contemporary) according to a French paper which is trying hard to establish a good claim for the beatification of the late Pope Pius IX., that the age of miracles is still in existence. Among the most recent cases said to have been effected by the agency of the late Pope, may be mentioned that of a young nun at Paris, who was relieved of a frightful attack of scoliosis by the application of an old stock of white silk drawers which had belonged to the late Pope, and happened to be in the possession of the convent; also that of an Augustinian nun at St. Simeon, who was cured of a bad cancer in the face by the application to it of a portrait of Pius IX.; and that of a medical man at Malaia, who was cured of a number of diseases by touching an old stocking of Pius IX. In Texas a still-born child is alleged to have been brought to life by the touch of a cross blessed by the late Pope, and in a convent near Lyons a nun was cured of a cancer by invoking the same powerful help. At any rate, thus says the journal alluded to, and not formal contradictions have yet appeared.

THE CAPITAL OF BULGARIA.

Prince Doudoukov, Korsatoff, is shortly expected, we hear, at Sofia, in order to organise there the future Bulgarian principality, and it is rumoured there is a great probability of this being selected as the capital of the new state. The Prince, however, is in preference to Tirnova. General Ignatov persists, it is said, in declining to be the new Hospodar; and in this case the Prince Doudoukov is first favourite for the Bulgarian throne. It is therefore, one natural that he should be looking about his new dominions for a comfortable place; but why he should fit upon Sofia of all places in Bulgaria is not so easy to see. He must have, we should think, some strong political reason for his choice; for geographically speaking, as the boundaries of Bulgaria are at present defined, Sofia will be a very out-of-the-way capital indeed. A mere glance at the map shows at once that it is a great deal too much to the west to be at all convenient as Bulgaria is now constituted; and, besides, its situation would show gross and flagrant want of respect to that Bulgarian history of which Slavians make so much. Has not Tirnova been the capital of two Bulgarian empires? From Tirnova issued these hordes of barbarians who cut to pieces the army of Nicephorus. Here Simeon reigned, that most accomplished savagery of his time, who was certainly a great captain, for he was always hammering at the walls of Constantinople, and presumably something of a philosopher, for he was acquainted with the works of Demosthenes and Aristotle. Tirnova was the capital, too, of the Bulgarian-Romanian Empire of the thirteenth century. It was the capital where the famous Caliph held more than Royal State, and as long as that short-lived usurper ruled Tirnova was the medium for conveying the wares of Asia and the manufactures of Constantinople to the kingdoms of the West. When, then, Bulgaria was renounced after so many centuries of oblivion, the aspirations of the Bulgarians naturally turned again to Tirnova, and it is Prince Doudoukov is determined to set it free for Sofia he must have strong reasons for doing so. —*Global Review.*

SOCIAL HYPOCRITES.

The most notoriously offensive social hypocrite is, to our minds, the man of shain man.

Concerning even a real genuine "gentleman" it may be plausibly urged that he is often a bore, as he is almost always tolerant. His inaction on calling people "good fellows," "excellent fellows," whom you know by instinct to be theological creatures, narrow, conceited, and envious.

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